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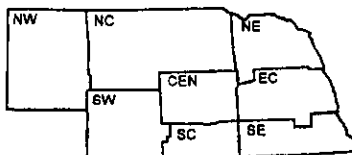
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged 14 to 19 degrees above normals across the State. Only trace amounts of precipitation were reported during the week.

GENERAL

Ideal harvest weather last week provided an excellent opportunity for producers across the State to complete fall harvest, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The drying weather also provided conditions favorable for fall tillage operations. Reporters indicated concern that excessive fall tillage may result in above normal winter erosion. Applications of anhydrous ammonia and dry fertilizer were active in many locations. Other producer activities included record keeping activities, fencing stalks, and livestock care.

CROPS

Corn for grain harvest was nearly complete at 97% complete, just behind last year and average at 98%. Ideal harvest weather aided many producers in completing

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their fall harvest. Producers in the Panhandle have the highest portion of acres not yet harvested.

Soybean harvest was virtually complete with completion at 99%, slightly behind last year and average at 100%.

Sorghum harvest was also virtually complete with 99% combined as of Sunday, the same as last year and average.

Winter wheat condition improved and rated 1% poor, 19% fair, 60% good and 20% excellent.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Livestock continued to glean stalk fields or be turned into stalk fields for gleaning. Reports indicated that a few stalk fields were not providing adequate feed value for grazing livestock and supplemental feeding was necessary.

CROP PROGRESS AS OF NOVEMBER 29, 1998	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Harvested	83	98	97	99	99	95	100	99	97	95	98	98
% Soybeans Harvested	na	100	98	100	99	100	100	100	99	98	100	100
% Sorghum Harvested	na	98	100	100	100	100	99	99	99	98	99	99
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF NOVEMBER 27, 1998												
Days suitable	6.8	7.0	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.8	7.0	6.9	5.7	6.8	
Topsoil												
(Percent)												
- Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Short	2	0	1	2	16	11	5	4	5	3	13	
- Adequate	97	100	97	97	84	89	95	93	94	91	85	
- Surplus	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	6	2	
Subsoil												
(Percent)												
- Very Short	0	5	0	0	0	3	2	2	2	1	1	
- Short	14	9	4	5	9	29	10	7	11	8	18	
- Adequate	86	86	91	92	87	68	88	91	86	85	80	
- Surplus	0	0	5	3	4	0	0	0	1	6	1	

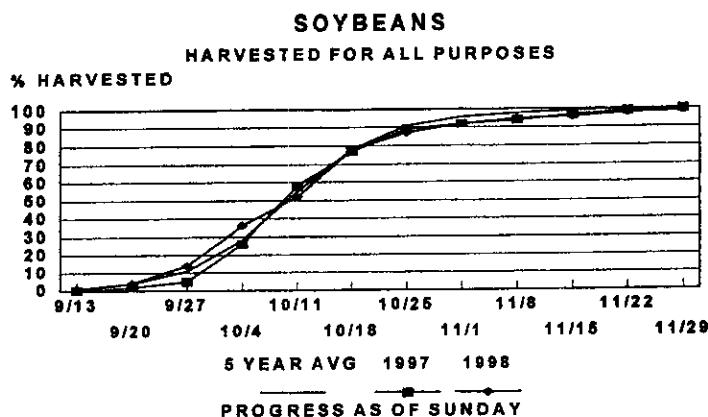
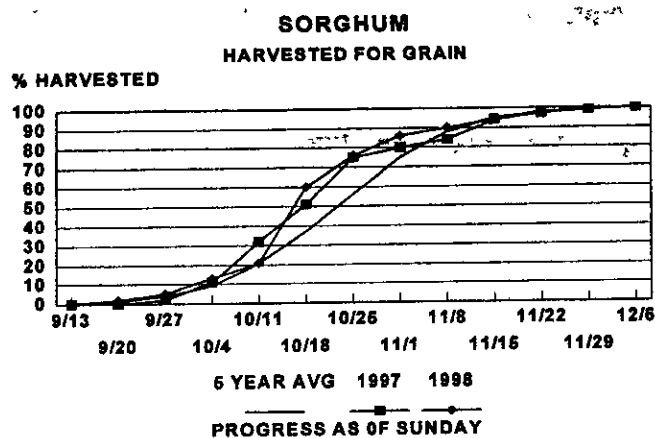
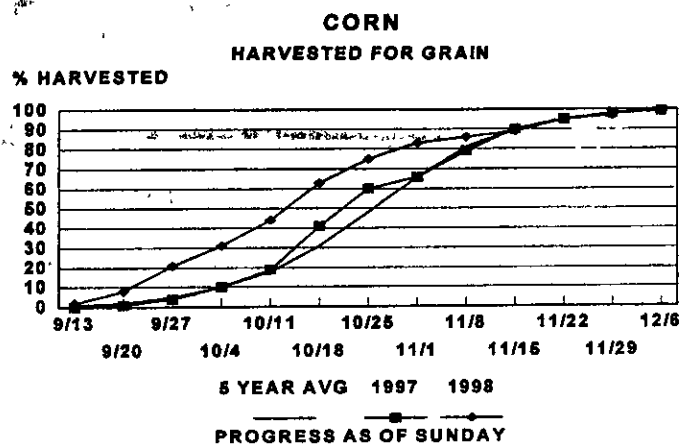
Monthly Release Begins

This will be the last Weekly Weather and Crops report for this growing season. We hope this year's publications have benefitted our readers in following crop progress in Nebraska. During the winter months (January, February and March), we will issue monthly reports. Weekly reports will begin April 5th for the 1999 season

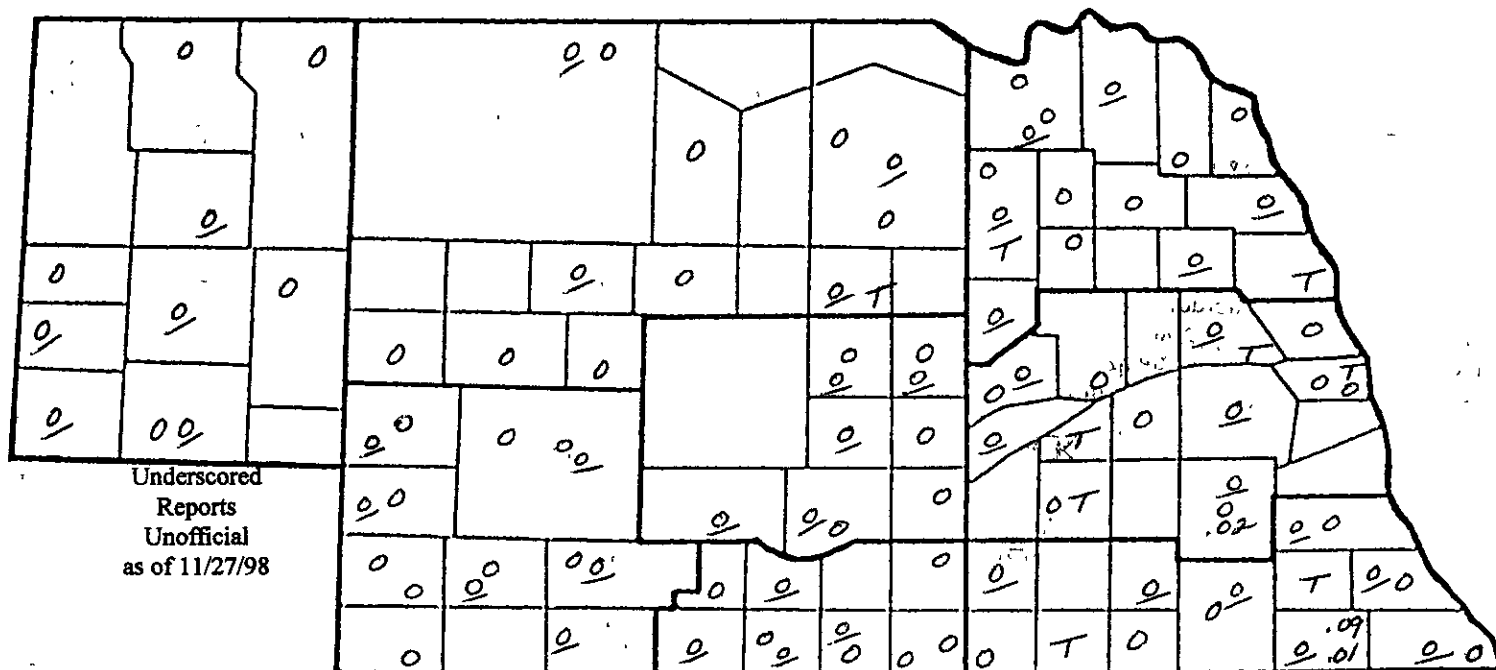
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1998



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1998

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	70	25	48	—	0
	Scottsbluff	73	22	47	+15	0
	Sidney	75	21	47	—	0
NC	Valentine	75	24	49	+19	0
NE	Norfolk	73	30	48	+17	0
	Sioux City	73	25	46	+15	0
CEN	Grand Island	73	30	48	+15	0
	Ord	78	30	49	—	0
EC	Lincoln	69	28	49	+15	0
	Omaha	69	32	50	+16	T
SW	Imperial	78	27	49	—	0
	North Platte	73	21	45	+14	0